APPENDIX

Metabolomics Insights in Early Childhood Caries

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APPENDIX FIGURES



Appendix Figure 1. Distribution of participant-level metabolite missingness in the study sample (panel A). Individuals with >30% missingness (n=10, marked red; 3 early childhood caries 'cases' and 7 'controls') were excluded from analyses (panel B).



Appendix Figure 2. Distribution of participants' demographic characteristics (age, gender, and race/ethnicity) and the two ECC localized experience traits (localized dmfs₃ index, defined at the ICDAS \geq 1 threshold) and prevalence (localized dmfs₃>0 vs. dmfs₃=0, defined at the ICDAS \geq 1 threshold), and the person-level ECC trait (person-level dmfs>0, defined at the ICDAS \geq 3 threshold) that demonstrated statistically significant associations with metabolites.



Appendix Figure 3. Distribution of metabolites found to be statistically significantly altered after FDR correction (q<0.05) in 2 ECC experience trait analyses: catechin, epicatechin, fucose and N-acetylneuraminate abundances are presented over participants' demographic characteristics.



Appendix Figure 4. Distribution of metabolites found to be statistically significantly altered after FDR correction (q<0.05) in 2 localized ECC experience trait analyses: catechin, epicatechin, fucose and N-acetylneuraminate abundances are presented over ECC experience (localized dmfs₃ index, defined at the ICDAS \geq 1 threshold) and prevalence (localized dmfs₃>0 vs. dmfs₃=0, defined at the ICDAS \geq 1 threshold).



Appendix Figure 5. Distribution of metabolites found to be statistically significantly altered after FDR correction (q<0.05) in 1 ECC localized experience trait analysis: imidazole propionate, 9,10-DiHOME, inosine, 3-(4-hydroxyphenyl) lactate (HPLA), and 1-stearoyl-GPG abundances are presented over participants' demographic characteristics.



Appendix Figure 6. Distribution of metabolites found to be statistically significantly altered after FDR correction (q<0.05) in 1 ECC localized experience trait analysis: imidazole propionate, 9,10-DiHOME, inosine, 3-(4-hydroxyphenyl) lactate (HPLA), and 1-stearoyl-GPG abundances are presented over ECC experience (localized dmfs₃ index, defined at the ICDAS \geq 1 threshold) and prevalence (localized dmfs₃>0 vs. dmfs₃=0, defined at the ICDAS \geq 1 threshold).



Appendix Figure 7. Distribution of metabolites found to be statistically significantly altered after FDR correction (q<0.05) in 1 ECC localized experience trait analysis: 12,13-DiHOME, xanthine, raffinose, stachyose, sedoheptulose-7-phosphate abundances are presented over participants' demographic characteristics.



Appendix Figure 8. Distribution of metabolites found to be statistically significantly altered after FDR correction (q<0.05) in 1 ECC localized experience trait analysis: 12,13-DiHOME, xanthine, raffinose, stachyose, sedoheptulose-7-phosphate abundances are presented over ECC experience (localized dmfs₃ index, defined at the ICDAS \geq 1 threshold) and prevalence (localized dmfs₃=0, defined at the ICDAS \geq 1 threshold).



Appendix Figure 9. Distribution of the two metabolites (creatine and creatinine) that were found to be statistically significantly associated with the person-level ECC trait (person-level dmfs>0, defined at the ICDAS \geq 3 threshold) after FDR correction (q<0.05).